

MINUTES  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF YORK

Adjourned Meeting  
March 15, 2001

7:00 p.m.

Meeting Convened. An Adjourned Meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 15, 2001, in the Board Room, York Hall, by Chairman James S. Burgett.

Attendance. The following members of the Board of Supervisors were present: Sheila S. Noll, Donald E. Wiggins, James S. Burgett, and H. R. Ashe.

Walter C. Zaremba was absent.

Also in attendance was James O. McReynolds, County Administrator.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2002 BUDGET**

Mr. McReynolds made a brief presentation on projected revenues and expenditures contained in the proposed Fiscal Year 2002 Budget.

Mr. Zaremba arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Chairman Burgett called to order a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2002 Budget which was duly advertised as required by law.

Mr. John Moorman, Director of the Williamsburg Regional Library, expressed his appreciation for the cooperation of the York County Board of Supervisors and its administrative staff in assisting the library to provide services to the Bruton area of York County. Mr. Moorman stated he supported the contribution contained in the proposed budget, and he appreciated the good working relationship between the library and the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Wiggins thanked Mr. Moorman for being so punctual with providing materials from the library and keeping the Board informed.

Mr. Zaremba noted that York County citizens were very proud of the relationship it has with its neighbors of James City County and the City of Williamsburg. The County contributes to the Williamsburg library system on a pro rata basis, and the Board of Supervisors feels it is working very well.

Ms. Susan Dolezel, President of the York Education Association, spoke concerning the need for equitable compensation for York County's teachers. The state has not included the same level of increase in funding for teacher salaries as last year, and York County needs to be more responsive to make up this shortfall in the future. In comparison with other school districts on the Peninsula, York is competitive at the entry level, but those teachers with 15 years of experience or more drop to fifth place. Ms. Dolezel stated teachers in York County are consid-

ering moves to other school districts, and she noted that York does not fair well with state and national statistics. She stated the York Education Association believes it shares a common goal with the Board of Supervisors to provide the children with the finest teachers; and in order to do this, teacher salaries must be competitive with other jurisdictions.

Ms. Martha McCartney, representing the Heritage Humane Society, thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with York County again after a lapse of several years. During 2000 the membership of the Humane Society grew to 1080, which included 80 local businesses. The Humane Society's adoption rate continues to exceed the national average. Ms. McCartney addressed the various outreach and educational programs that were offered, and noted that only 20 percent of the Society's budget comes from governmental support. She indicated that more funding was being requested in 2002 to staff a new unit and to cover increased maintenance and utility costs. She noted that York County does not contribute to the York County resident walk-ins which makes up about 16 percent of intake, and she expressed her hope that in the future the Board will have a philosophical change of heart on that issue.

Ms. Marie Lauback, representing Peninsula READS, indicated the program provides literacy skills to foreign-born adults. She stated the demand for tutors was always higher than the available supply. Last year 37 adult residents of York County received over 2,000 hours of instruction through the program. She stated Peninsula READS appreciates York County's past support and any continued support that can be provided in the proposed FY2002 budget.

Ms. Deborah Elliott, Director of Peninsula Foster Grandparents program, stated that York County has provided funds to the program for close to 29 years. She noted that \$2,583 was being requested in the proposed FY2002 budget, and she explained that she was planning 38 new work stations on the Peninsula. She also stated she would like to increase the number of seniors involved in the program as well as increase their recognition and provide them with more training.

There being no one else present who wished to speak regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2002 Budget, Chairman Burgett closed the public hearing.

#### TAX RATES FOR 2001

Chairman Burgett then called to order a public hearing on proposed Ordinance No. 01-1 that reads:

AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE TAX LEVIES UPON TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY, UPON MACHINERY AND TOOLS, UPON MOBILE HOMES, AND UPON REAL ESTATE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2001, AND TO PRORATE TAXES ON MOBILE HOMES

There being no one present who wished to speak regarding the subject ordinance, Chairman Burgett closed the public hearing.

Meeting Adjourned. At 7:22 p.m. Chairman Burgett declared the meeting adjourned sine die.

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James O. McReynolds, Clerk  
York County Board of Supervisors

James S. Burgett, Chairman  
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